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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Supplemental Amendment and the following remarks. No additional fee is required for this Supplemental Amendment as the number of independent claims has not changed, and the total number of claims has not changed.

Telephone Interview Summary

Applicants thank Primary Examiner Yan for his comments and courtesies extended during a telephone interview with the undersigned on 30 March 2004. The Examiner indicated amending Claim 20 to recite additional limitations regarding a transfer means between the photoconductor roller and the electrostatic doctor blade unit would be needed. Applicants proposed the above amended Claim 20, and the Examiner indicated his approval. In response to the Examiner's approval of proposed amended Claim 20, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment. No agreement with respect to allowance of Claim 20 was reached, as the Examiner indicated he would perform an additional search.

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Amendment to the Claims

Applicants amended Claim 20 to recite a transfer element (8, 20). Support for amended Claim 20 can be found in the figures and, for example, at page 6, fourth paragraph, and page 8, second full paragraph of Applicants' Specification. No new matter has been added to the claims by this Amendment.

Conclusion

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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